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Ladies are meeting with success in banging their front-locks, but the people of New York and New Hampshire do not seem to succeed in banging the political dead-locks.

America will have another colt next year who will stand a good chance to win the Derby. Thursday it ran a mile in 1:43, and was not pushed heavily either. For fast horses and fast speculators in stocks, this country is gaining a wide name.

Major James B. Pond, of Boston, who formerly lived in Janesville, and is well known throughout the county and State, is furnishing the people of Boston with a sensation in the shape of a divorce case. He has made charges of adultery against his wife who is very handsome, and a popular singer. Mrs. Pond is defending herself by able counsel, and the testimony is of such a character as to draw crowded houses every day. It is the loudest sensation the people of Boston have had for a long time, and they seem to take a pride in it.

There happened to be no dire calamities on Sunday as was predicted by certain dyspeptic prophets. Because three planetary conjunctions—Neptune and Jupiter, Venus and Jupiter, and Neptune and Venus—were to take place, it gave certain credulous and superstitious people a chance to court gloomy forebodings. One man in Canada was so firmly satisfied in his own mind that the 19th of June would see a flood after the fashion of the one of old, that he built an ark for the occasion, and his good wife spent a week in preparing provisions for the trip. On account of the weather the trip has been indefinitely postponed.

According to the last report of the National board of health, the city of Aurora in Illinois, is the healthiest city in the world, or was during the year 1880. The rate of mortality per 1000 population was only 4½ on an average, while in San Antonio, Texas, the rate was 49. The death rate in Milwaukee was 24, Chicago 28, and New York 29. The mortality in Janesville during 1880, which may be taken as a fair average for any year when epidemics are not raging, was about ten in 1,000. There were only three cities in the United States in which the death rate per thousand was less; and these were Jacksonville, Illinois, 9½, Moline 5½, and Aurora, 4½. There was not much difference between the death rate in southern cities and those in foreign cities. The rate in London was 21 and in Paris, 30. In Berlin, the rate was 27, and in California, 46. The unhealthy city in the world, is Acapulco, in Mexico, whose death rate was 89 in 1880. Next to Acapulco is Aspinwall, whose death rate was a little over 86, nearly one-tenth of its population dying that year, and that when no epidemics were raging.

The more the removal of Commission of Pensions Bentley is discussed, the more of an outrage it is pronounced by those who understand the influences which secured his removal. There were no charges made against Mr. Bentley. His official integrity was not questioned. But he attempted to inaugurate schemes which would make the management of the pension bureau more thorough, and the bureau itself less liable to be imposed upon by fraudulent claimants and scheming claim agents. This course on the part of Mr. Bentley displeased a number of members of Congress and prominent claim agents, and the result was his resignation was asked for by the President. To smooth the matter over, their President, it is said, offered Mr. Bentley a foreign appointment, which he promptly and righteously declined. The soldiers generally throughout the country will regret the removal of Mr. Bentley. He has been a faithful public servant, has done a vast deal of hard work, and he should be asked to resign reflects upon the administration.

A remarkable change has taken place in our politics during the past twenty years. Then, and not until after the war, a colored man had never held an office under the government of the United States. Since the reconstruction acts were passed, colored men have served in both branches of Congress. They have been tendered foreign appointments. They have served as United States marshals, and have been commissioned officers in the army. But the step of the Hon. B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, from the Senate to register of the United States treasury, is one which will strike the people with a good deal of interest. On Friday of last week, the first currency ever issued by the government having the signature of a colored man was received at the office of comptroller of the currency in Washington, from the bureau of engraving and printing, and thereon was written, in a plain hand, "B. K. Bruce." It was a touching sight to see Mr. Bruce's face after he signed the first batch of bills. There were a number of prominent men in his office at the time, and holding one of the bills up for the inspection of those present, he said with a good deal of feeling: "Who would have thought of this spectacle a score of years ago? This is an incident of interest worthy a place upon the bright pages of the history of a public man's life."

A few weeks ago the Gazette printed the following editorial note: Every chairman of every Republican State committee in the United States should telegraph the Republican members of the New York Legislature to go into a caucus, nominate two Senators, elect them and go home. This note has been widely copied by

the press and soundly endorsed by that class of journals which believe in following the old-established principle of nominating Senators by a caucus, and thus saving the party in New York from division and defeat. But the Oshkosh Northwestern seems to think that such a telegram would be "highly indecorous if not insulting;" and "the New Yorkers ought to be able to manage their own local affairs." But the New York Republicans do not appear to be able to manage their political affairs in a manner which reflects credit on themselves or which is likely to save the party from disruption. The Northwestern is a little off on its position in regard to the note which it copies from the Gazette. It was not indecorous nor insulting for prominent Republicans to telegraph President Garfield to stand by the nomination of Robertson. It was not thought indecorous nor insulting for Republicans to telegraph President Hayes to veto the Chinese immigration bill. It was not thought out of place for sound money men to telegraph President Grant in 1874 to veto the Senate currency bill, which he did. And when the action of the Republicans in the New York Legislature threatens to disrupt the party, it is not insulting to ask them to stand by the Republican party and to adopt a course of action which will not only save the party in New York, but prevent the United States Senate from falling into the hands of the Democrats.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Call for the Publication of the President's Letter to General Grant.

The St. Paul Officers Preparing to Extend Their Road to Stillwater.

The Friends of Cadet Whittaker Elated Over Some of the Evidence in the Court-Martial.

An Ottawa Ex-Alderman Hard at Work on a New Flying Machine.

Wm. H. Whitcomb Charged with Embezzling \$10,000 from His Partner, in Marathon County.

Further Particulars of the Disastrous Fire in Appleton.

A Twelve Thousand Dollar Fire in Green Bay, Last Night.

A Watertown Man Attempts Suicide with a Small Pen-Knife.

Other Interesting State and Miscellaneous News Items.

A SUPPRESSED LETTER.

The President's Letter to General Grant is Called For.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—In view of the publication of General Grant's letter to Senator Jones, attacking President Garfield, and the freedom with which the General is criticizing him by means of interviews, it is regarded as very strange that General Grant does not give to the press a letter addressed to him upon the subject now in controversy by President Garfield. At the time that the letter of Grant to Senator Jones was printed the announcement was made that the Senator had also received and delivered a letter from Grant to the President. It was declared that it was equally decided in its expressions regarding the President as the letter to Jones. Although no doubts were expressed at the time about the existence of such a letter, the statement that it was received and delivered was true. But it is also true that President Garfield wrote at length to General Grant in reply, taking direct issue with him upon positions which he assumed in the letter, and pointing out to him where in he had written from incorrect information. Abundant time has elapsed since this letter from the President to General Grant, was mailed for it to reach the latter, even if it did not reach the City of Mexico until after General Grant had left.

The friends of the President here who are aware of the existence of this letter, and the general terms of its character, express much indignation over the late attacks of General Grant on the President, which have none of them contained even a hint that the President had presented his side of the case to General Grant very fully and in clear and forcible terms. They feel that General Grant cannot withhold that letter after the publication of his own to Senator Jones, supplemented as that, and the one directly to the President have been by the late denunciatory interviews.

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THE APPLETON FIRE.

APPLETON, Wis., June 19.—The disastrous conflagration that visited this city Friday is still talked of and commented upon by all. Many believe that the conflagration could have been stayed in its incipency had the city been furnished with a system of water. The proposition to have water works was defeated by only 22 majority at a special election held in February. The smoking ruins were visited by citizens and visitors in large numbers to-day. Nothing from either the woolen factory or chair manufactory was saved. All the machinery and wood together with a large amount of tools belonging to the employees perished with the structure. The loss of life is small considering the exceedingly short time that the workmen had to escape from the building. Henry J. Norton, the man who jumped from the third story to the ground, is not dead as was reported last night, although he is badly hurt internally. August Betty, who is still missing, is supposed to have perished in the flames. Search is being made for the body to-day. He leaves a wife. The origin of the fire is still unsolved. Many believe it to have originated from the boiler in the dye-room, while others think it was caused by a passing locomotive. The loss in the sum was telegraphed last night. About 250 men, who were employed in the two factories, are left without employment. The establishments are a great loss to our growing industries. The woolen factory will be rebuilt at once. J. F. Atkinson, the proprietor of the chair and pedestal factory, is as yet undecided.

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

MILWAUKEE, June 19.—Wm. H. Whitcomb, formerly of this city, and prominent in social circles, is reported to have absconded from Abbottsford, Marathon county, in this State, taking with him \$10,000 belonging to the firm of Samuel A. Cook & Co., of Unity, in the same county, of which he was a member. Whitcomb is a son of Cyrus Whitcomb, of this city, a member of the Wisconsin leather company, and quite wealthy. The young man went to Unity two years ago and formed a partnership with Cook, who was doing a good business in the general merchandise line. Later he was given charge of a branch of the establishment in Abbottsford, a new station on the Wisconsin Central railroad. This establishment did a large amount of business in railroad supplies and general merchandise and on a cash basis. About the first of the month Whitcomb left, stating that he would be absent for a day or so, but has not yet returned, and nothing can be learned of his whereabouts, although the police have been notified and are on the lookout for him. Mr. Cook claims that when he came to examine the books of the house of which Whitcomb had charge, he found that instead of paying cash for the goods purchased, as had been supposed, Whitcomb had run up bills to the amount of about \$10,000, and that this had been the cause of his sudden departure. It is understood that Mr. Cyrus Whitcomb agrees to make good the amount of his son's alleged defalcation, and that the matter may be allowed to drop. Previous to this reputation of young Whitcomb had been excellent.

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PREPARING TO EXTEND.

ST. PAUL, June 18.—General Manager Merrill, Assistant Van Horn, and General Solicitor John W. Cary, of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul road, who arrived in this city this morning, left for Stillwater during the forenoon, where they confer with leading citizens of that town relative to the building of a branch from Hastings, on the Hastings and Dakota division, to Stillwater, a distance of twenty-five miles. It has been the intention of the Milwaukee company to extend their line to Stillwater for some time back, but owing to their extensive operations in other territories the new field has been neglected. The Stillwater people have long desired an outlet to the East through the Milwaukee road, and have been coquetting with the officers with a final hope of success. The extension would prove of considerable value to the Milwaukee corporation, and by extension beyond Stillwater would tap considerable territory.

SUICIDAL.

FORT ATKINSON, June 19.—Mr. Albert Dibble, aged 32, of Watertown, formerly of Hebron, Wis., attempted to commit suicide near this city yesterday morning by stabbing himself twice in the neck with a pen knife. He was found soon after with the knife in his hand, and was taken to the residence of Mr. A. Homenback and physicians were summoned, and at the time of writing he is doing well, and hopes are entertained of his recovery. He gives the cause as poor health. He has been subject to epileptic fits since childhood.

HORTICULTURAL.

LA CROSSE, June 18.—The State and local horticultural society of Wisconsin hold meetings and a fair in this city Wednesday and Thursday next, and preparations are being made for a successful fair. A number of important papers will be read by leading men of the State on matters concerning the cultivation of vegetation and fruits.

FLYING-MACHINE.

OTTAWA, June 19.—Ex-Alderman Clancy, of Ottawa, is an inventor; at least, he is perfecting an invention. He is trying his hand at a flying-machine, and, like some inventors in the same line, he is very sanguine of success. The central idea of the ex-alderman's invention is a box about three feet square, without top or bottom, an axle passing through it, and wings fifteen feet long attached to either side of the axle,—the whole to be buoyed up by a balloon, and the wings to be worked by crank power. It is different from any other flying-machine yet invented in this: that "the wings will only catch the air one-half the way around each time, just in front and under, so that it will not only propel itself forward, but have a rising power as well." With this contrivance Mr. Clancy expects to cleave the air at a speed of 120 miles per hour; and possibly, although he don't say so, to carry her Majesty's mails in his flight.

THE WHITTAKER CASE.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Whatever the result of the trial may be, the friends who have championed the cause of the colored cadet are congratulating themselves on some important facts which they have been enabled by a vigorous defense to lay before the public. It is now known from the evidence that Whittaker was not deficient in his studies; not having been deficient, according to the Academy records, at any period from September, 1879, to June 1, 1880, the day of the examination. All circumstantial evidence against him has been proved to be of the flimsiest character. The medical testimony, consisting of five distinguished physicians to one West Point surgeon who boldly asserted that any one could control the action of the heart, being wholly in Whittaker's favor. The exposure of the trial has become grossly exaggerated, and for the purpose of prejudicing to all appearances. The Whittaker case also deserves the thanks of the legal profession in exposing the false and mercenary character of the testimony of the so-called experts in hand-writing. Meanwhile the evidence in the case will be thoroughly reviewed by the judge advocate general and presented to the President, who, fortunately for the ends of justice, is a lawyer, and somewhat conversant with West Point matters and ideas of justice.

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A MISSING CAPTAIN.

RACINE, June 18.—The schooner Colonel Cook, of Cleveland, Captain McDowell, arrived here Tuesday morning, coal laden. Captain McDowell received his freight money Wednesday morning. He left the vessel at 12 o'clock noon, and since that time nothing has been seen or heard of him, and it is feared that he has fallen into the river and is drowned or met with foul play. The life-saving crew have been dragging the river to-day but without success. Captain McDowell's wife and family reside at Cleveland. The schooner leaves to-night for Escanaba to load iron ore for Cleveland.

FIRE AT GREEN BAY.

GREEN BAY, June 19.—At five o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in a two-story frame business block on Washington street, resulting in the total destruction of the building and partial loss on the stock contained in it. The larger portion of the building was owned by Geo. G. Green, the rest by F. McFadden and Mrs. Hannah Irwin. The building was valued at \$3,000; insured for \$1,500, placed \$500 each in the Underwriters of New York, Connecticut Fire, and Westchester Fire. The stock: A. Pardee, news depot; F. McFadden, millinery; McCormick & Co., flour and feed; J. L. Emigh, steam fitting; K. M. Agner, barber shop; Lindsay & Harden, the building of McCormick & Co., adjoining, was rendered worthless by fire. Loss, \$1,000; partially insured. Total loss on stock, \$12,000; insurance about \$6,000, divided between a large number of companies.

The Lizard as a Thief's Ally.

In the Police Court at Allahabad we saw arraigned at the bar of justice a Hindoo for robbing a Mohammedan grave of its tombstone and using it for grinding curry. Curry is a mixture of various condiments, and is ground to the proper consistency by being rubbed between two polished stones. Next came into Court a stalwart dacoit or thief. The Hindoo thief's manner of scaling walls is very ingenious. It is by means of a huge lizard, which he carries with him in his nocturnal rambles. The process is as follows: The lizard, which is perhaps a yard in length with great claws like those of a fly, is made fast to the dacoit by a tough cord tied to its tail. When the dacoit is pursued and comes in his hasty flight to a wall, he quickly throws his lizard over it, holding fast to the other end of the cord. By means of suction powers the lizard fastens himself to the wall on the opposite side and the thief draws himself to the top and jumps lightly down. By choking the lizard it is made to release its hold.—Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

MR. JOHN BRIGHT, in acknowledging the receipt of a letter sent to him by a tenant farmer of Carnarvonshire, England, on agricultural depression and the relations between landlord or agent and tenant, says: "The conditions of agriculture in this country are unfavorable for the farmer and for the public. Misfortunes may change them, as they may force the farmers to say something, and exert themselves. I have preached and written for nearly forty years with but little result. American competition may speak to them and to our landlord class with more effect."

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APRIL 16th, 1881.

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1881

"MR. SLOCUM."

Cynthia! Cynthia! won't you tell us a story?" shouted a chorus of voices as the children pranced into the kitchen one rainy afternoon, where Cynthia Williams, my grandmother's housekeeper, stood by a table making biscuit for tea. She was a perfect mine of interesting anecdotes and experiences, and when we made our yearly visit at grandmother's country home, her stories were our greatest delight.

"Cynthia," I began, "grandmother says we can't go out, and we don't know what to do."

"If you'll tell us a story," said Madge, coaxingly, "I'll never play tag over the flower-beds again."

"Nor I!" "Nor I!" said the others.

"Lor suz, children!" said Cynthia, beaming at us, "I know yer didn't mean no harm—chicks will be chicks; they don't know no better."

But wuzn't wuzn't a story—one of yer wild-Indian scalping kind?" said Tom, giving a savage whoop, and attempting to scalp little May's flaxen locks with the biscuit cutter.

"I told yer all about Injuns I knows on and more too," said Cynthia, putting the last pan of biscuit in the oven and giving the door a satisfied slam; "but if yer're a mind to wait a minit, I'll set down and heva a talk with her just as soon as these biscuits is baked."

We were "a mind," and in a short time the biscuits came out, done to a turn, and Cynthia, seating herself in the big calico-covered rocking-chair sacred to the kitchen, took little May on her lap.

"Wul, childrun," said she, "did I ever tell yer 'bout Mr. Slocum?"

No, we had never heard about Mr. Slocum—who was he?

"That's the funny part," said Cynthia; "he wuz an old white mule, an' he wuz a reel good old mule, too; he hed worked faithful for so many years, father couldn't bear to sell 'im. So he jist pensioned 'im off, an' he hed a reel comfortable old age."

"Cynthia, why did he have such a queer name?"

"Wul," said Cynthia, setting herself more comfortably in the rocker, "the way it wuz this, my father bought 'im of old Deacon Scran's folks an' folks sed that old Deacon Scran wuz jist as queer as he could be, an' nanin' his mule 'Mr. Slocum' wa'n't the queerest thing he done, nuther."

Wul, when my father got 'im he didn't change his name, 'cause he sed 'twan't lucky to keep changin' the names of things. Wot their names wuz in the first place, that they wuz, an' never mind how much yer change 'em, the thing wuz allers jist the same. An' for my part I wuz ooper glad he didn't change 'it, 'cause it served me a good turn out; and Cynthia chuckled grimly.

"O, what was it? tell us about it," said Tom.

"Wul, yer sed it wuz nigh onto twenty years ago, 'bout wuz times, 'fore I come to keep house for yer grandma. My father and mother lived up in Massachusetts, an' I lived 'long with 'em. All my brothers and sisters had left 'um, an' the time of the great cattle show, father an' mother wanted ter go. Yer sed we only hed one boss 'sides the mule, an' that same boss hed a sin away a spell afore, and he wuzn't fit for wimin ter drive. So father took me one day, an' mother the next."

"Wul, strange as yer may think, they had never left me lone afore, though I wuz goin' on sixteen an' wuz pretty tall for my age; but the place wuz thinly settled, an' the nearest house wuz half a mile off, an' the times wuz kinder unsettled while the fittin' an' draftin' wuz goin' on. But I put on a brave face, an' told mother she could go, I wuzn't afeared. Mother sed kinder anxious 'bout leavin' me; but finally she made up her mind to go, an' next mornin' 'bout sunrise she an' father got ready, 'cause it wuz a pretty long drive, an' mother wanted ter hed plenty o' time ter examine the butter an' bedquilts. As they wuz drivin' off, father called back, an' sez he:

"Cynthia, if yer feel lonesome, Mr. Slocum 'll keep yer company." I laughed and nodded to him, but I couldn't help thinkin' a poor dumb 'cretur wuzn't much company."

"Arter they'd gone I worked aroun' the house a spell, an' it did seem awful lonesome toward noon. So I thought I'd go out an' feed the creturs, an' jist as I wuz a-lookin' at 'em, I heard a knock at the door, an' I'd better believe my heart stood still for a minit. Then I plucked up courage, an' sez I to myself, 'It's some o' the neighbors,' though I knew it wuzn't, as they'd all gone ter the show. But I put on a bold face an' marched rite up ter the door an' opened it; an' there stood the dreadful lookin' man, all rags an' tatters and dirt."

"Good-mornin', ma'am," sez he; 'is you the only one to hum?"

"I didn't speak fer a minit—my heart wuz a-beatin' so—an' I sez to myself, 'What shall I say?' am the only one 'cep't the pig, an' the cow, an' Mr. Slocum." An' then, jist like lightning, what my father sed 'bout Mr. Slocum's keepin' me company flashed through my mind; an' sez I, jist as bold as brass, 'Mr. Slocum's out ter the barn—would yer like ter see 'im?"

"Yer orter sed that man's face fall, I knowed he thought I wuz alone, as things looked kinder quiet aroun' the house. Sez he:

"'Gin 'im my best respects an' tell 'im I'll call agin sometime."

"An' he gin an ugly leer an' slunk off down the road, an' I kep' a-watchin' 'im till he wuz out o' sight, tho' I purtended ter be a-voedin' the verbena bed. I wuz tremblin' so I could scarcely get in the house; but I bolted the door and sot down to think. 'Sposin' he should cum back, wot should I do?"

"But he didn't cum back, an' pretty soon I felt better an' I went out ter the barn an' fed the creturs, an' patted Mr. Slocum an' gin 'im an extra dinner. I wuz so kinder thankful, an' sez I to Mr. Slocum, 'Yer saved me a good turn this time, an' I won't forgit it nuther.'"

"He pricked up his ears an' gin a kind o' whinny when I spoke to 'im—he wuz a dreadful knowin' old mule."

"Then I hed dinner myself, an' jist as I wuz a-puttin' the dishes away I see a nice lookin' man comin' in the gate. I begun to feel reel scared, but I sed to myself, 'Mr. Slocum 'll keep me company.'"

"So I walked out quite pleasant to meet 'im. He bowed kinder polite, an' sed he wuz the draft man, an' come to get names for the draft. I gin 'im father's name, but he wuz over ago. Sez he, 'Where's your father?"

"Sez I, 'He's gone ter the show.'"

"Sez he, 'An' there any other men 'bout?"

"Now I wuz afeard to tell 'im there wuzn't 'cause I thought he might be sassy if he knew I wuz alone; so I up

an' sed, 'Mr. Slocum's out ter the barn.'"

"How old is he?" sez he.

"He's pretty old," sez I. "He's thirty."

"That ain't old," sez he; he an' he wrote it down.

"Wot's his first name?" sez he.

"Then I didn't know wat ter say fer a minit, but I wuz afeared if I didn't tell 'im somethin' he'd go an' ask Mr. Slocum himself. So sez I, 'His name's Elkanah'—yer see that wuz old deacon Scran's name, an' sometimes father would call Mr. Slocum Elkanah jist for sport. So when I sed 'Elkanah's his name,' he wrote it down."

"No disease?" sez he.

"An' he wrote that down."

"Then I wuz so afeared he'd ask me more questions I offered 'im some cake an' cider, which he took an' thanked me quite polite an' got up ter go."

"Sez he, 'I don't matter 'bout my seein' Mr. Slocum. You kin tell 'im, an' I'll send 'roun' of he's drafted.'"

"Yes, sez I, 'I'll tell 'im, an' I wuz so near laughin' in his face, that I stooped down an' picked up a crum o' cake to bite my lips in shape."

"Arter he wuz gone, I jist threw my apron over my head an' hezbed till I cried. I guess I wuz kinder narvus, that when father an' mother cum back I told 'em wot a time I hed. Father laughed when I told 'im 'bout draftin' Mr. Slocum, an' then he looked sober."

"We may hev trouble 'bout that," sez he.

"Mother felt reel bad; an' sez she, 'I'll never leave yer agin, Cynthia, not if Queen Victoria asks me.'"

"Fer a while arter that we didn't hear nuthin' from the draft man. But one day a man druv up to the gate, an' told father that Elkanah Slocum wuz wanted."

"Father wuz a skeery kind o' man, an' he wuz afeared there'd be trouble. So he jist sed 'yes, an' the man druv off. They sent fer 'im twice arter that, but father made some excuse ev'ry time, but he felt dreadful 'bout it."

"One day when father wuz up in the fields, mother an' me sed a hull lot o' fun marchin' down the road. They all filled in through the gate, headed by a reel handsome man that looked like a Captin. Sez he to mother, a-takin' off his cap, 'We've come fer Elkanah Slocum wot's been drafted.'"

"Mother she didn't know wot to say; an' I thought 'twas time the thing wuz explained. So sez I ter the Captin, 'Walk rite out ter the barn of yer please—he's out there.'"

"So we all marched out ter the barn an' I opened the door, an' sez I, a-pointin' in, 'There's Mr. Slocum.'"

"Look here," sez the Captin, turnin' aroun' quite savage, 'I didn't come here ter be made a fool of! Surroun' the barn! sez he reel sharp ter the men."

"I couldn't help smilin' a little as I see 'em a-scamperin' aroun'. Then he turned to me, an' sez he, 'Do yer know, Miss, yer triflin' with the United States Gov't nuther? Where's Elkanah Slocum?' an' he spoke so awful snappy."

"By this time father cum up, an' he an' mother looked reel scared. Then father sez, 'Tell 'im all 'bout it, Cynthia—there ain't no other way.'"

"So I up an' told 'im jist how it wuz; and sez mother, 'We never left 'er lone afore, Captin, an' we feel reel bad 'bout it.'"

"Wul, the Captin begun ter smile afore I got through with my story, an' by the time I got ter the end, he jist half-hawed rite out, an' the men did, too."

"Wul, sez he to mother, 'yer need never be afeared ter leave 'er lone agin. She kin take care of herself agin any one.'"

"Then we all felt quite comfortable, an' mother invited 'em in the house an' gin 'em some of her prime root beer (she made the best yer ever tasted), an' some seed cake, an' we hed a nice pleasant time."

"When the Captin got up to go, sez he to me, 'I'll put yer name down as the pluckiest gal in Massachusetts.' An' sez he, 'I guess yer'll come if they sends for yer!'"

"An' then they all marched away as grand as could be."

"But what became of Mr. Slocum," said Tom.

"O, he kep' a-livin' on quite a spell longer, an' we petted 'im up an' made much of 'im, I kin tell yer, an' when he died we took an' put a stun ter his head with his name on to 't an' date of his death, fer he wuz a wonderful good old mule, an' it's that yer bit—sakes alive, childrun!" said Cynthia, putting little May down from her lap, 'thar's six o'clock strikin' an' I must go 'sew 'bout tea.'—Cannie Hicks, in *Wide Awake*.

The Boers—Characteristics of the Sturdy South African Dutchmen.

"Who are the Boers?" is a question that has been often asked of late, and many wonder where the peculiar word originated. The word "Boer" is the Dutch for farmer or dweller in the country, being the same as the German "bauer" and the Anglo-Saxon "boor."

The Boers are substantially the descendants of the Dutch immigrants who settled at the Cape of Good Hope under Jan Van Riebeck in 1652. They were joined by French Huguenots in 1687 and 1689, but the latter were soon absorbed. The language of the Boers is the so-called Cape Dutch, the basis of which is the language of Holland, with the mixture of numerous English, French, German and even some Malay and Hottentot words. This is the ruling idiom in the Transvaal and the Orange Republic and of the rural population of the western part of the Cape Colony, while in the eastern part and in Kaffraria and Port Natal there is more English spoken than Dutch. Of the entire white population of South Africa, which numbers from 380,000 to 400,000, only about 25 per cent. are of English stock, while 75 per cent. belong to the Low German race and about two per cent. to other nationalities. The name Boer was first applied to the Dutch colonists by the English on account of their agricultural proclivities, and was adopted by themselves.

On account of the scarcity of water on the South African table land the country would support only a thin population, and, in consequence, the colonies were obliged to settle at great distances from each other, making impossible a system of popular education. The children of the Boers almost universally grow up in ignorance. Beside this drawback, at intervals there come dry years which oblige the farmer to desert his home and seek water and grazing lands for his cattle elsewhere, and from this comes a characteristic tendency to a wandering life. Under these conditions it is not surprising that the descendants of the intelligent Dutch settlers should, in consequence of their isolation and their want of education and intellectual excitement be considerably behind the world in their ideas.—*Boston Herald*.

—There are 15,000 professional thieves in London, known to the authorities. The police force numbers 12,000; so there is one thief and one-fifth of a thief to each policeman.

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CHAPTER 263.
AN ACT to amend section two hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes, entitled of public lands.
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. Section two hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended, striking out, after the word "field," in the second line, the words "and recorded," so that the section which shall read as follows: Section 253. All original and duplicate certificates shall be properly numbered, and the original shall be filed in the office of the commissioners, and as many distinct lots or tracts of lands hereafter purchased by one person in one section at the same time, shall request, shall be included in one certificate or one patent, as the case may be. All certificates may be acknowledged and recorded in the same manner that deeds may be. They may also be assigned in writing, which assignment may be acknowledged and recorded in like manner, and the person to whom the same shall be legally assigned, shall have the same force and effect as the original purchaser would have had.
Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
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CHAPTER 264.
AN ACT in relation to the support of the poor, and to amend section one hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes.
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. Section one hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The father, mother and children, being of sufficient age and sound mind, to be blind, old, lame, imbecile or decrepit, so as to be unable to maintain himself, shall, at the option of the relatives, be supported by the poor person in such manner as shall be approved by the supervisors of the town where such person may be, or upon failure of any relation so to do, the supervisors shall apply to the county judge of the county where such poor person may be, for an order to compel such relief of which application at least fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given by serving the same upon the person to whom it is directed in the same manner provided in section two hundred and sixty-four of the revised statutes for the service of summons in courts of record. Such notice may be so served anywhere within this state.
Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
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CHAPTER 265.
AN ACT amendatory of section one thousand and forty-seven of chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes, and section one thousand one hundred and forty-three of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to the collection of taxes.
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
Section 1. Section one thousand and forty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: Where a more complete description is practicable, and a deed describing any piece of real property is recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county a description of the volume and page where recorded and the location, village, or, if within a city, the ward where the property is situated shall be added to the deed.
Section 2. Section one thousand one hundred and forty-three, of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1163. It shall not be lawful for any county treasurer, or any county clerk, or any of their deputies or clerks, or any other person for such treasurer, county clerk or any of their deputies or clerks, be directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of any property sold at auction at any sale or sales held by the county or by any person or persons whomsoever, except for and on behalf of the county as provided by law; nor shall any such treasurer, county clerk or any of their deputies or clerks, or any other person for such treasurer, county clerk or any of their deputies or clerks, be directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of any property sold at auction at any sale or sales held by the county or by any person or persons whomsoever, except for and on behalf of the county as provided by law; nor shall any such treasurer, county clerk or any of their deputies or clerks, be directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of any property sold at auction at any sale or sales held by the county or by any person or persons whomsoever, except for and on behalf of the county as provided by law; 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